(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1990 में मैसर्स मारूति लिमिटेड और भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड से सेवा-निवृत्त हुए श्री कृष्णामूर्ति ने अपने सम्बन्धियों के नाम से हजारों करोड़ रुपए मूल्य की कम्पनियां खोल रखी हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार उसके द्वारा अवैध तरीके से अर्जित सम्पत्ति की जांच कराने और उस को जब्त करने के लिए कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क), (ग), (घ) और (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ख) अपेक्षित आंकड़े भारी मात्रा में हैं और ये सरकारी क्षेत्र के विभिन्न उपक्रमों/विनिर्माण इकाइयों के हैं। इन्हें संकलित करने में काफी समय लगेगा। इन्हें संकलित करने में लगाए गए समय और मेहनत से संभवतः अपेक्षित परिणाम न निकले।

Air and water pollution by Rourkela Steel Plant

3453. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air and water pollution by the Rourkela Steel Plant has been confirmed recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)/SAIL have confirmed that emissions through some stacks in RSP are causing air pollution. They have stated that no water pollution is caused by RSP. Sources of air pollution together with the relevant details are as below:

Source	Norms	Present level of emissions
(i) Captive Power Plant	350	446—917
(ii) Steel Melting Shop	400	390—4500
(iii) Sinter Plant	150	274

(figures in milligrams(mg)/Normal Metres (NM^3))

(c) Apart from elaborate air pollution control measures provided in the modernisation programme currently under implementaion, the steps contemplated by Rourkela Steel Plant in the direction of prevention of air pollution by the existing plant are:

(i) phasing out Open Health furnaces by Basic Oxygen Furnaces, which are less polluting;

(ii) installation of a new Gas Clearing Plant for the existing Basic Oxygen Furnace;

(iii) installation of additional Electrostatic Precipitator in the Sinter Plant and the Captive Power Plant etc.

Shortage of steel SCRAP

3454. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of ministeel plants are facing closure due to shortage of steel scrap;

(b) whether the crisis is likely to lead to a steep fall in production of steel in the country;

(c) the number of mini-steel plants working less than their capacity; and

(d) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that a large number of ministeel plants are facing closure due to the shortage of steel scrap. However, production of ministeel plants is likely to be adversely affected due to the shortage of steel scrap.

(c) Information regarding the number of ministeel plants working less than the capacity is not readily available. However, the average capacity utilisation of the ministeel plants is expected to be less than in the previous year.

(d) Import of steel melting scrap through the canalising agency, Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC), has reduced this year due to non-availability of adequate free foreign exchange. Efforts are being made to increase import of scrap through MSTC. The ministeel plants can also make imports directly through the use of Exim Scrips.

Decontrol of Steel prices

3455. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to decontrol the steel prices shortly as a part of the economic liberalisation package;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is likely to cover all steel items; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the steps Government propose to take to assess the work-load of the Iron and Steel Controller's Organisation and economise expenditure thereon by pruning the manpower employed there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The matter is receiving Government's attention.

(d) The functions and the work of the Office of Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel are under periodic review.

SC/ST officials in SAIL

3456. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Corporate Office and Central Marketing Organisation of Steel Authority of India Limited, Officers belonging to general